In addition, funds for following schemes have been released during the first quarter of 1987-88;

(Rs.in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1	Two mini buses at Wynad	5·53	4.70
2	Four mini buses at Parambikulam and Naygar	9.28	8·35
3	Boats in Kerala	190·00	40·00
4	Floodlighting of Trivandrum Museum	14·81	13·33
5	Water sports equipments at Malampuzha	7·82	7·03

Import Of Natural (Rubber*

i722 SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRA-VAXiOM: Will the Minister ai €Oiv!J\ERCE be pleased to state;

(a)' whrther Government have de-cided, to in- port natural rubber to arrest the price-rise of the commodity; ind

(b) *it* so, what are the details -n •this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI I*. R. DAS MUNSHI):(a) and tfc>) The domestic production of natural rubber being inadequate, the rap between demand and supply is met by imports.

Government hav$_e$ so far authorisad STC to import 35000 tonnes of natural rubber after a careful assessment of the estimated production and likely 'jcn^umption.

थानाध्यक्ष, सीमापुरी द्वारा एक सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता के साथ दुर्व्यवहार

1723. श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक : क्या **गृह** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली पुलिस के थानाध्यक्ष, सीमापुरी के आदेश पर सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता श्री अवतार सिंह, निवासी 28/171, सं.—1 कस्तूरबा नगर, दिल्ली-110032 को 23 जुलाई, 1987 को अर्ध रात्रि को घर से जबरदस्ती थाने ले जाया गया और वहां उसको जमकर पिटाई की गई :

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार थानाध्यक्ष, सीमापुरी के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदाम्बरम्) : (क) और (ख) पूर्वी जिला पुलिस ने घोषित अपराधियों को पकड़ने के लिये एक अभियान चलाया । श्री अवतार सिंह को भी पकड़ा गया था और उसे दिल्ली पुलिस अधिनियम की धारा 65 के तहत जेल में रखा गया । तथापि, तसदीक के बाद उसे छोड़ दिया गया था ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Retirement of workers in M1TCC Factories

1724. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE Will lt»e Minister of COMMERCE to plea-ed to stete:

(.-») whether it i$_s$ a fact that the ago of the workers of MTTCO factorie

in Jhumri Talaiya and Domchanch in Bihar once recorded by the MITCO itself oiid supplied to the ESI ar_e now being (.hanged inilaterally causing early retirement; if so, what are the facts thereof in details and.the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that Bihar Government Labour Department also advised the MITCo management against such arbitrary change of age records; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken thereon?

1HE MINISTIR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCfi ;SHRI P. R. D/S MUNSHI): (a) Majority of the workers in MITCO are illiterates a' d do not have any documentary e\ idence in support of their age. 15 workers out °f a total of about 900 w rkers had indicated different age in their CPF and ESI ferns respectively. To avoid any problem, MITCO decided to assess the Sttfl of such workers through medical examination.

(b) and (c) Th_3 matter had been taken up by Ml i'CO with th_e Labour EepTtment Of Bihar Government. The final decisl *m* in individual caje regarding age will be taken on receipt *oi* medical repo; t and completing other legal and procedural formalities.

Strikes in MITCO factories

1725. SHRI S \MAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minist. $_r$ of COMMERCE be' pleased to state

(a) the numb -r of strikes that took place in MITCo factories during the lest four years the percentage rf workmen involved in each strike and the issues involved in each strike;

(b) th& name: of the Unions involved in these strikes;

(c) whether tiiere was an_v discus-si *m* on behalf of the management at level to a^ ert these strikes;

(>\) wheher it is a fact that refusal of *lie management to discuss the grievances of the workers resulted in tile work stoppage; and

(e) if so, whether there is any in. struction from Government to the MITCO management not to discuss or negotiate with SITU union; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

lilt MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHJU P. R DAS MUNSHI); (a) and (b) A statement is attached. [See Appen. dix CXLIII, Annexure No. 79.]

(c) Yes, Sir. MITCO management took all possible steps including consultations with Labour Department Of State Government of Bihar in order t_0 avert the strike.

(d) MITCO Management has always been handling the grievances of the workers either directly with the Unions or with conciliation autl" rities.

(ej Does_ not arise.

Profit/loss account of MITCO factories

1726. SHRT SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of profit and loss account of the MITCO factories for tiie last five years, year-wise and y jar-wise;

(b) the annual bonus paid to the workers during the same period, yebii'-wise; ,and

(c) whether it is a fact that with the increase lin profits, there was a decrease in tonus paid to th_e workers; if. sfe, what wer_e the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE . (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The Corporation maintains a composite profit and loss account " r nrriving at the total profit/loss of the Corporation during the year. The details Of profit earned and annual bonus paid to the employees of the